



## **2025 Sailing Instructions**

### **For the Furlined Series, Seven Year Series and the October Cup Series**

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#### **1 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

#### **2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://niagaraonthelakesailingclub.com/racing>
- 2.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 69.

#### **3 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 3.1 One race is scheduled to be held on each of the following dates:
  - (a) Furlined series: Sundays April 6, 13, 20, 27
  - (b) Seven Year Series: Sundays May 4, 11, 25
  - (c) October Cup series: Sundays October 5, 12, 19, 26
- 3.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal is:
  - (a) 1330 for the Furlined and Seven Year series', and
  - (b) 1100 for the October Cup series.
- 3.3 If fewer than 3 boats are in the starting area at the time of the warning signal the race will be abandoned.

#### **4 CLASS AND IDENTIFICATION FLAGS**

- 4.1 The Class flag is Numeral pennant 1.
- 4.2 For the Seven Years series and the October Cup Series, a boat racing as Not Flying Spinnakers shall prominently display from her backstay, or boom topping lift, numeral pennant 2.

#### **5 RACING AREA**

- 5.1 The start will be off the NOLSC waterfront.

#### **6 COURSES**

- 6.1 Each rounding mark will be indicated on the course board.

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- 6.2 The finishing mark may be indicated on the course board.
- 6.3 Rounding marks will be left to the port side unless otherwise indicated on the course board.
- 6.4 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course.

## 7 MARKS

- 7.1 Olympic Circle marks C and 1 through 8 are vertical cylinders located as described in NoR Addendum C.
- 7.2 G3 is the Niagara light and bell buoy at approximately N43°16'24.3", W079° 04'30.8".
- 7.3 R2 is the Niagara Bar light buoy at approximately N43°19'02.4", W079° 04'14.1".
- 7.4 b is the middle NOLSC mooring ball.
- 7.5 Inflatable tetrahedrons and floating balls are as indicated in SI 8 below.

## 8 COURSE BOARD ABBREVIATIONS

The course board will use either written descriptions of the marks similar to those listed below or the following abbreviations:

<i>Mark, Start or Finish</i>	<i>Abbreviation</i>
Start	S
Indication that the mark is to be left to starboard	Green background behind the mark designation
C or Olympic Circle marks 1 to 8	C, or 1 to 8
G3	g
R2	R
middle NOLSC mooring ball	b
Red ball	P
White ball	U
Orange inflatable tetrahedron	o
Yellow inflatable tetrahedron	y
Red inflatable tetrahedron	r
Finish under instruction 11.1	F

## 9 THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be a staff, located approximately at N43°15.339' W79°03.709, displaying an orange flag at NOLSC and the US Border Protection surveillance tower (ST) located approximately at N43°15.57' W79°03.45.
- 9.2 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2. At its sole discretion the race committee may extend this 4-minute period.

## **10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

10.1 A course change will be verbally announced on VHF 69. This changes RRS 33.

## **11 THE FINISH**

11.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag and the finishing mark as indicated in SI 8 above.

11.2 If the finishing mark is not indicated in SI 6.2 above, it will be ST.

## **12 TIME LIMITS**

12.1 The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35) is 2 hours.

12.2 Boats failing to sail the course within 2 hours and 30 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

## **13 HEARING REQUESTS**

13.1 The protest time limit is 1200 on the day following the race to which the protest pertains.

13.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office or at [hearing request form](#)

13.3 Protests shall be filed by email to Andrew Durward at: [adurward@cogeco.ca](mailto:adurward@cogeco.ca)

13.4 Notices will be posted no later than 72 hours after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. This changes RRS 61.3.

13.5 Unless otherwise posted, hearings will be held in the NOLSC Board Room, starting at approximately 1900 on the Thursday following the race in which the incident occurred.

## **14 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

14.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.